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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED TANAKA' S LETTER TO CHOU WITH CHINA DIV DEPUTY CHIEF, OGURA, WHO REPEATED POINTS MADE BY AMB USHIBA (REFTEL). OGURA REFERRED TO JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS THAT TANAKA HAD SPECIFICALLY PROPOSED REGULAR CABINET LEVEL CONSULTATIONS WITH PRC. HE SAID FONOFF CONCERNED THAT THESE REPORTS MIGHT CREATE MISUNDERSTANDING AND WISHED TO ENSURE THAT USG UNDERSTOOD THAT TANAKA HAD NOT REPT NOT PROPOSED REGULAR CABINET LEVEL CONSULTATIONS. OGURA PARAPHRASED TANAKA LETTERS PHRASEOLOGY ON THIS POINT AS FOLLOWS: AS CHINA AND JAPAN ARE SEPARATED BY ONLY VERY NARROW BAND OF WATER AND AS BILATERAL CONTACTS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY DEEP, IT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING IF MEMBERS OF OUR CABINETS SHOULD MEET FROM TIME TO TIME TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. (COMMENT: FONOFF IS MAKING FINE DISTINCTION.)

2. EMBOFF INQUIRED WHETHER TANAKA' S OR OHIRA' S LETTER HAD SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO NEGOTIATION OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY MENTIONED IN JAPAN- CHINA JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF 1972. OGURA REPLIED THAT QTE IT COULD BE SAID THAT LETTERS REFERRED INDIRECTLY TO PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY UNQTE.

3. OGURA SAID OGAWA' S PROPOSED CALL ON CHAIRMAN MAO
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WAS INTENDED ONLY AS SYMBOLIC, COURTESY CALL AND THAT HE
WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY LETTER ADDRESSED TO MAO.
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